

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

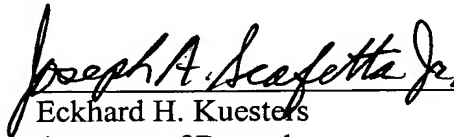
Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 10, 2004, a replacement abstract has been submitted. No new matter has been added.

Therefore, the present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. And early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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